

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 21, 2016 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
 Mary M. Brown, RN
 Mary Dietmann, RN
 Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
 Jennifer Long, APRN
 Geraldine Marrocco, RN
 Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: **None**

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
 Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
 Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
 Helen M. Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH
 Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
 Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
 Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, DPH
 Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH
 Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
 Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
 Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8: 33 a.m.

Students from Eli Whitney, Hamden and Lincoln Technical School Shelton and New Britain were welcomed.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported on the National Council State Boards of Nursing Education Consultants Conference call. The following is the conference call agenda through July 2017:

Conference call Date	
10/11/16	BONs' regulation of distance education, in prelicensure and APRN programs. Discussion on providing BONs with lists of which programs have students in other states
11/7/16	A National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) representative will talk about the progress this group has made with making distance education requirements, across states, more seamless –guest speaker
12/8/16	NCSBN's initiative for requiring national nursing accreditation by 2020 - how are we doing? Results of CQI. How to assist ADN colleges to seek national nursing accreditation.
1/4/17	Systematic Evaluation of nursing programs: discussion of research in nursing education; what are new technologies in nursing education and what should regulators know to keep up with changes? - Guest speaker
2/7/17	Sharing experiences when BONs take actions on program; what types of data are needed? Do site visits help? What are trends related to site visits? Do we need more stringent criteria for the opening of new programs?
3/8/17	Postlicensure regulation of nursing programs: What are the pros and cons of regulating RN to BSN programs? How can military credit apply to nursing programs? How are BONs assisting with this?
4/5/17	Clinical component of nursing education programs - What are the trends? How much is enough? Are programs meeting the NCSBN standards for simulation?

5/11/17	Discussion of regulatory excellence related to nursing education. Would someone like to share a case study? How can we do more with less?
6/6/17	Hot topics in the regulatory oversight of nursing programs (sent from BONs). What are BONs/education programs doing with social media? What do you see in the future for nursing regulation of education programs (e.g., what is happening with the faculty shortage)?
7/11/17	Research update from NCSBN

OPEN FORUM

Pamela Pelletier, Department of Public Health reported that the Board of Education for the Connecticut Technical High School System voted on September 20, 2016 to suspend the five Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) programs effective January 27, 2017.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

A report on the annual meeting will be presented at a future Board meeting.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes from August 3, 2016 as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco, Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman who abstained.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the minutes from August 24, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Stone Academy – 5 year Study REVISION - (East Hartford and West Haven Campuses)

Joseph Beirbaum and Peter Keast were present from Stone Academy. Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the 5 year study with revisions and with a stipulation that an update be provided in 2 years regarding the survey. The motion passed unanimously. Mary Brown made a motion seconded by Mary Dietmann to remove Stone Academy from conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

Three Rivers Community College - Waiver Requests

Three Rivers Community College is requesting a six month waiver for Bernadette Marshall, RN, BSN. No representatives were present from Three Rivers Community College. Gina Reiners moved to grant the six month temporary faculty education waiver for Bernadette Marshall, RN, BSN. The motion was seconded by May Brown and passed unanimously.

Stone Academy – Staffing Change

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve Connie Gibeault, MSN, RN as the LPN Program Manager. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to approve Holly Mulrenan, RN, BSN as the LPN Program Director. The motion passed with Gina Reiners, Lisa Freeman, Geraldine Marrocco and Jennifer Long voting in favor. Chair Bouffard and Mary Brown were opposed. Mary Dietmann recused herself from voting.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to grant a permanent faculty education waiver for Mulrenan. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself.

St. Vincent's College – Staffing Change

The Board reviewed notification from St. Vincent's College that Karen Barnett, RN, DNP, Dean of Health Sciences will be assuming the duties as Chairperson of the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen M. Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in July and August 2016.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Erin Arndt, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-484

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Arndt's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Matthew Hopkins, RN – Petition No. 2016-26

Geraldine Marrocco moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Hopkins' license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Paul Pitney, RN - Petition No. 2014-822

Mary Brown moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Mr. Pitney's license on probation for one year. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Judith Cullen, RN

The Board reviewed a request for a reinstatement hearing for Judith Cullen who had her license revoked in March 2007. Ms. Cullen was present.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant the request for a hearing. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown who was opposed.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Adrian Kozikowski, RN - Petition No. 2016-874

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Adrian Kozikowski. Mr. Kozikowski was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare.

The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for October 19, 2016.

Lisa Fabrizio, RN - Petition No. 2016-776

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Fabrizio. Ms. Fabrizio was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. .

The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for October 19, 2016.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Cherish Ostrosky, RN - Petition No. 2016-672

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Cherish Ostrosky, RN. Ms. Ostrosky was not present nor represented by counsel.

Ms. Ostrosky voluntarily surrendered her license on September 9, 2016. Mary Brown moved to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges, which was seconded by Mary Dietmann, and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

PRE HEARING REVIEW

Tracy Kane, RN - Petition No. 2016-540

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in the matter of Tracy Kane, RN. Ms. Kane was present without representation.

The Board recommended that Ms. Kane's current probation be extended for a period of three years.

CONSENT ORDER

John Ayers, RN - Petition No. 2015-1120

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for John Ayers, RN.

Mr. Ayers was not present and was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion to approve the consent order failed unanimously. During discussion the Board indicated that a license suspension is necessary in this matter.

Patricia Wentland, RN - Petition No. 2016-345

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Patricia Wentland, RN.

Ms. Wentland was present but was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman who was opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

Melissa Thiede, RN - Petition No. 2015-1440

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Melissa Thiede, RN.

Ms. Thiede was present but was not represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes probation for a period of four years.

Amy Hulton, RN - Petition No. 2015-246

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amy Hulton, RN.

Ms. Hulton was present with Attorney Thomas Bucci. Mary Brown moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes probation for a period of three years.

Lynn Fletcher, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2016-517; 2016-749

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lynn Fletcher, RN, APRN.

Ms. Fletcher was not present and was not represented by counsel. Geraldine Marrocco moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman. The motion to approve the consent order failed unanimously. During discussion the Board indicated that additional discipline is necessary which includes a prescribing restriction.

HEARINGS

Michelle Murphy, RN - Petition No. 2016-1012

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Lisa Freeman.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Murphy be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Murphy's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Megan Surprenant, RN - Petition No. 2016-515

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Gina Reiners.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Surprenant be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Surprenant's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Adam Burr, LPN - Petition No. 2016-233

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Mary Dietmann.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Mr. Burr be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Mary Dietmann seconded to issue an Order revoking Mr. Burr's licensed practical nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing